

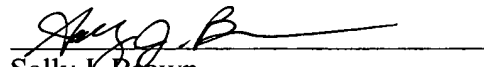
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005. At that time, claims 1-5, 8-13, and 16-54 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-5, 8-13, 16-21, and 51. The Examiner also indicated that dependent claims 27, 34, 39, and 50 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. All of the remaining claims were rejected.

As a result of this paper, all of the rejected claims have been canceled. Likewise, allowable claims 27, 34, 39, and 50 have been rewritten in independent form pursuant to the Examiner's request. Thus, all of the presently pending claims have been allowed or have been indicated as being allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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